

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Z.Q. Xia et al.

Attorney Docket No.: WSUR116430

Application No.: 09/673,918

Group Art Unit: 1652

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Examiner: Y.D. Pak

Title: RECOMBINANT SECOISOLARICIREBINOL DEHYDROGENASE, AND METHODS OF USE

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER/
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	14	-	25	=	0	x	18	=	0
Independent Claims	3	-	6	=	0	x	86	=	0
TOTAL									\$0

B. Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated November 4, 2003, set to expire on February 4, 2004, be extended by 1 month, to expire on March 4, 2004. The enclosed check includes the 1-month extension fee of \$110.00.

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C. Fees Enclosed

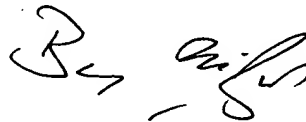
Enclosed is our Check No. 153680 in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the amendment claim fee and request for extension of time fee.

D. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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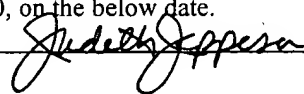


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